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SUBJ: KHMER CREDENTIAL CHALLENGE AT UNESCO'S 3RD EGC

1. LUSSIER, UNESCO LEGAL ADVISER, INFORMED PERMDEL OCT 19 THAT PORTENTILA KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS QUESTION AT 3RD EMERGENCY GC WOULD BE MORE LIKE PRC QUESTION THAN SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE AS WAS QUESTION OF UNSEATING KHMER REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT REP AND REPLACING WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK (GRUNK) GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, EXCLUDE VOTE AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF CREDENTIALS OF KHMER REPUBLIC BEING INTERPRETED AS CENSURE WITH GRK RETAINING ITS SEAT AND FULL MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS.

2. LUSSIER MADE A POINT OF RECALLING THAT USG IN 1958, 1960 AND 1962 SUCCESSFULLY LED FLIGHT AT UNESCO GEN CONFS TO REJECT CREDENTIALS OF HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING BRUTAL SOVIET SATELLIZATION SUCCESS OF 1956. HE RECALLED THAT HUNGARIAN DEL NEVERTHELESS RETAINED ITS SEAT AND FULL MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS.

3. LUSSIER REPORTED THAT THERE NO INDICATION CHILEAAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SEND DEL TO 3RD EGC, BUT CUEVAS-
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CANCINO (MEXICO) TOLD PERM REP OCT 19 THAT AT LA CAUCUS

HELD FOR 3RD EGC OCT 18 BOTH CUBAN AND CHILEAN REPS
WERE PRESENT AND NO ISSUE OF CHILEAN REPRESENTATION
WAS RAISED. IT SEEMS LESS LIKELY THAT CHILEAN CREDEN-
TIALS WILL BECOME SUBJECT OF FLOOR FIGHT.

4. SCENARIO ON CREDENTIALS ISSUE. CHALLENGE

TO KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS WILL LIKELY COME WHEN
REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IS BROUGHT TO PLENARY
SESSION FOR APPROVAL. AS TO POSSIBLE INSCRIPTION OF NEW
ITEM ON AGENDA WHICH WOULD SEEK TO OPEN DEBATE ON
OUSTING PRESENT KHMER GOVT TO REPLACE IT WITH SIHANOUK,
UNDER RULE 17 OF GENERAL CONFERENCE RULES OF
PROCEDURE IT NECESSARY FOR NEW AGENDA ITEM BE SUBMITTED
NOT LATER THAN UP TO DATE FIXED FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE".
THUS FAR, NO SUCH ITEM HAS BEEN PRESENTED AND ALTHOUGH
INTERPRETATION SOMEWHAT VAGUE, MONDAY OCT 22 WOULD
SEEM BE FINAL DATE AS CONFERENCE COMMENCES AT 3PM
OCT 23.

5. AS TO POSSIBLE COURSE OF VOTE, AFRICAN BLOC, NOT
ASIANS, APPEAR TO BE CRUX OF PROBLEM. ASIANS ARE
LIKELY TO SPLIT WITH MAJORITY FAVORING CAMBODIA. MOST
AFRICAN DELEGATIONS HAVE NOT AS YET FOCUSED ON CAMBODIA
ISSUE AND DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE GREAT INTEREST. HOWEVER,
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ETHIOPIAN PERMREP WHO IS FRIENDLY
TO US, HE IMMEDIATELY TURNED DISCUSSION OF CAMBODIA
TO PROBLEM OF UNESCO RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS OBSERVERS AND FACT US WAS SOLE
VOTE IN OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION PASSED BY
EXECUTIVE BOARD JUST CONCLUDED. LIKELY OTHER AFRICAN
DELEGATIONS WILL TAKE SIMILAR LINE AND POINT OUT LACK
OF QUID PRO QUO ON ISSUES THEY CONSIDER OF UTMOST
IMPORTANCE.

6. HOWEVER, AFTER RAPID ONE DAY CANVAS OF LARGE
NUMBER DELEGATION COLLEAGUES FRIDAY, PERMDEL CONCLUDES
THAT KHMER REPUBLIC CREDENTIALS PROBABLY BE APPROVED
BY UNESCO 3RD EGC. AS EXPECTED CHINESE, SOVS' EE'S
OTHER COME-ORIENTED STATES WILL VOTE AGAINST
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT BUT NOT LIKELY MUSTER
NECESSARY VOTES FOR INSCRIPTION OF NEW ITEM ON
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AGENDA TO ADMIT SIHANOUK GOVERNMENT UNLESS AFRICANS
VOTE EN BLOC IN FAVOR OF INSCRIPTION.
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